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SUBJ: OIL WEST OF SHETLANDS: MORE INCONCLUSIVE RESULTS

REF: LONDON 10831

1. BRITISH PETROLEUM'S SECOND TEST WELL ON BLOCK 206/8
WEST OF SHETLAND ISLANDS MENTIONED IN REFTTEL DID NOT
PROVE THAT OIL WAS PRESENT IN COMMERCIAL QUANTITY. THIS
RESULT HAS DAMPENED THE PREMATURE EXCITEMENT WHICH HAS
SURROUNDED BP'S ACTIVITIES IN THE AREA.

2. HOWEVER, BP IS CONTINUING ITS DRILLING PROGRAM ON
THE SAME BLOCK. THE SECOND WELL DID AT LEAST INDICATE
THE FURTHER PRESENCE OF HYDROCARBONS. THUS, IT HAS
DONE NOTHING TO DIPEL THE BELIEF THAT THERE MAY BE A
VERY LARGE OIL FIELD WEST OF THE SHETLANDS CONTAINING AT
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LEAST A THIN PAY ZONE OF HEAVY OIL. THE SHALLOWNESS OF
THE OIL AND THE RELATIVELY THIN PAY ZONES FOUND THROUGH-
OUT THE AREA CONTINUE TO LEAVE COMMERCIAL PROSPECTS
UNCERTAIN.

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